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Statement of CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow Following the Verdict in the Officer Scott Russell Murder Case

“On behalf of the entire CHP family, I wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office, the El Dorado Superior Court, the members of the jury and all the supporters of the CHP and Officer Scott Russell.

The jury had a difficult job. They weighed the facts and the testimony in this case, applied the law judiciously and rendered their decision.

As the case now moves to the penalty phase, we will await the further decision of the jury and respect the awesome responsibility they have as they continue to deliberate.

Officer Russell was killed along Highway 50 in Shingle Springs while attempting to stop a fleeing felon. Officer Russell died doing what he had sworn an oath to do: to lay down his life rather than swerve from the path of duty. In his attempt to save others from harm, he gave his life.

The CHP, family and friends will always remember Officer Russell’s sacrifice. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family, friends and coworkers of Officer Russell.”

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